

Amendment to the Abstract

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ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to a~~ A method for the production of cast steel strip ~~(B), wherein, in a continuous procedure~~ [[.]] includes casting a steel melt is cast into a casting gap [[((4),)] having [[the]] longitudinal sides of which are formed by walls that move during the casting process, to form the steel strip [[((B))], and holding the steel melt, which is present above the casting gap [[((4))]] in a melt pool [[((6))], is held under an atmosphere [[((A))]] containing nitrogen and hydrogen. According to the invention, a This method ~~of this type~~ allows the production of high-quality steel strips having a significantly improved surface composition compared to the prior art in that the hydrogen content of the atmosphere [[((A))]] is greater than 0 mol % to 10 mol %, and the Cr, Mo, Nb, Si, Ti, Ni, Mn, C or N contents of the cast steel melt, which are selectively present in each case for adjusting the characteristics of the steel strip [[((B))], are in each case selected in such a way that for the so that a ratio Cr_{eq}/Ni_{eq} formed from the Cr equivalent Cr_{eq} and the Ni equivalent Ni_{eq} the following applies: $Cr_{eq}/Ni_{eq} \geq 1.7$, wherein $Cr_{eq} = \%Cr + 1.37\%Mo + 2\%Nb + 1.5\%Si + 3\%Ti$ and $Ni_{eq} = \%Ni + 0.31\%Mn + 22\%C + 14\%N + \%Cu$, %Si = respective Si content, %Ti = respective Ti content, %Ni = respective Ni content, %Mn = respective Mn content, %C = respective C content, %N = respective N content.

The single figure is intended for the abstract.